

1. The scope of claim 14 reciting "a second backing textile **abutting** the first backing textile laterally at one of the longitudinal edges of the first backing textile" (emphasis added; lines 6-7) is unclear with the disclosed set of drawings, particularly, that disclosed by Fig. 8. The specification at p. 12, lines 17-31 recites that a second flat mop cover with a backing textile 1' is provided laterally next to the first flat mop cover at one of its longitudinal edges. Also, the specification at p. 12, lines 22-23, recites that the backing textiles 1, 1' of both mop covers are formed as a **unitary**, enlarged backing textile 1, 1' (emphasis added). Similarly, the backing textile in Fig. 8 only appears as **single** backing textile with no line of demarcation or any "abutting" feature between two backing textiles 1 1'. Further, a question arises as to whether the term "abutting" (claim 14, line 6) constitutes new matter since such term "abutting" has not been originally disclosed.

Furthermore, with the above being said, the scope of claims 16-22 cannot be clearly determined as a result of the recited "separating section". In other words, how can the first backing textile and the second backing textile be in "abutting" (claim 14, line 6) relationship if there is a "separating section" therebetween as recited now in claims 16-22?

2. Claim 14, line 5, it appears "the mop holder" should read --a mop holder-- if such is not being positively claimed.

3. In Fig. 8, should the right-hand occurrence of the reference numeral 4' be just 4 instead?

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